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VAMPI'S VIVACIOUS VIGNETTES

This month's VAMPI news was so big, we decided to announce it in our letter column (on page 75)! But we've got plenty of announcements concerning the other Warren magazines! Like our special super-heroes issue of EERIE! And the upcoming GOBLIN color sections! And lots more!



EERIE HEROES ORIGIN ISSUE!

We didn't realize how fondly our readers remembered the early super-hero series we ran in the early 70's! But following EERIE #130, which starred the most popular characters ever to appear in the magazine, we were besieged with requests for more...more...more! Plans are being made to bring back some of these heroes in team-up tales, and possibly even series of their own. But for now, the December EERIE (#137) features the origins of... Hunter! Exterminator One! Darkton the Mystic! Spook! Coffin! And the Mummy! We're talking Jim Starlin, Doug Moench, Esteban Maroto, Jose Ortiz, and Bob Haney! There's also a complete index to the above-named heroes, and other surprises! The Warren age of super-heroes is about to explode...trust us! And if you want to know who's who and how they got that way, EERIE #137 is a must!



COMING COLOR SECTIONS!

All right...we know the monthly wait to find out what the new EERIE color section will be driving you nuts! Issue #138 features "Granny Gutman and the Limbo Men" by Rich Margopoulos and Fred Cartell! The Crimson Trident, Firefire, and Talus will turn the super-hero world on its ear...if Granny doesn't care them to death first! Stated for the following issue is "The Infinity Force" by Bill Dublay and Rudy Nebres! We like both introductory episodes so much, we're going to alternate the two series in our color section—until something we like better pushes them out! (Talk about 'no room at the inn'!)



DIANA JACKLIGHTER ENDS!

With compulsive completions like us, you've got to enjoy a good series while it lasts—it's not going to be around forever! The December issue of 1994 (#28) features the final episode of Diana Jacklighter, Manhunter! The rookie space-welder finally tracks down the last of her runaway convicts...and learns the shattering truth about the mission that's occupied her these many months! If you've followed the Bruce Jones, Don Halliwell and Esteban Maroto series from its beginning, we promise you'll be going to be surprised!! (Heck...we'll terminate Vampirella if we could think of an ending this good!) It goes on sale October 19...for adults only, that is!



27-PAGE McGREGOR EPIC!

If you've been eating up the new Don McGregor mindbenders we've brought out in recent months (like "Sweetwater Nectar," appearing in VAMPI, get ready for a double dose of Don! The November CREEPY (#143) features chapters two of the horror-western "Moral Blood"... plus the long-awaited extermination epic, "The Spectator who Wept for Children!" In the same issue is an original sequel to H.G. Wells' "The Invisible Man," drawn by Alex Nino (or should that be ~~not~~ drawn by Alex Nino? One thing is sure...CREEPY #143 will be invaluable if you don't get to the stand soon after October 12!

JEAN-PAUL SARTRE SERIES?

So you think comic books can't be serious, huh? We spoke with Rich Margopoulos concerning our special EERIE HEROES issue, and he gave us the following insight into the creation of his character Hunter, specifically, his decision to give the mutant killer a helmet. In addition to the need to cover Hunter's copper-colored skin, Rich was influenced by a saying of Jean-Paul Sartre: "Whenever two people's eyes meet, one averts his gaze. The one thus dominates the other, and reduces him to the level of an object." Pretty heavy stuff, huh? Now, if we could just get old Jean-Paul to try his hand at comics...!



WARREN STRIKES OUT!

We've got to admit...reading every month in the Marvel Comics fan page about their softball team's exploits made us jealous! We wanted to write about our softball team, too! So we formed one, and challenged our publishing rivals! As for the result...well, does it matter? Does it really? Isn't sportsmanship what it's all about? Let's talk instead about the way Bill Dublay hung in at third base even after the fourth ground ball off his forehead. How Bill Mohalley bravely withstood the opposition's demand that he get at least every other pitch within ten feet of home plate. How Tim Moriarty reached into his own pocket for cash fare to chase several of the fly balls hit over his head. Not to mention the heroism of Richard Hecht, Roy Arnulfo, and David Allan! So, we ask you...does the score really matter? Well, since they'll probably tell you anyway, it was 20-1. But there's next year! And we'll beat those guys...if we have to put Reggie Jackson, Pete Rose and Carl Yastrzemski on our production staff!

COMING WARREN MAGAZINES

EERIE #137: Origin tales of EERIE's greatest heroes! Exterminator One by Dublay & Neary! Darkton by Jim Starlin! Hunter by Margopoulos & Neary! The Spook by Moench & Maroto! Coffin by Lewis & Ortiz! And The Mummy by Skales & Broca! ON SALE SEPT. 28!

FAMOUS MONSTERS #109: "E.T.!" "Friday the 13th, Part III!" "Incubus!" Part 2 of our "Alphabets of Horror" and John Carradine features! And all our regular departments! More heart-rending horror that you can shake a bloody stump at! ON SALE OCTOBER 12!

CREEPY #143: It's here! Don McGregor and Isidro Mosen's 27-page fly-in survivor plantations epic, "The Spectator who Wept for Children!" Plus part 2 of "Moral Blood" by McGregor & Al Sanchez! Alex Nino's "The Invisible Man"! And more! ON SALE OCTOBER 12!

1994 #28: Sizzling sci-fi for adults only! Featuring the final episode of Diana Jacklighter by Jones, Halliwell & Maroto! Ghita by Frank Thome! Angel by Dublay & Nebres! "Too Many Termmarrows" by Moriarty & Catani! Sigmund Pavior! ON SALE OCTOBER 19!

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NO SCREAMS WERE EVER HEARD! THE SEASIDE APARTMENT IS AS ICE COLD AND DEADLY QUIET AS THE VOLUPTUOUS, BRUTALLY SLASHED ASHEN-COLORED CORPSE SPRAWLED ACROSS THE BED!

THE NEIGHBORS SAID SOMETHING STRANGE WAS GOING ON UP HERE! I'D HOPED THAT IT WOULDN'T BE—!

IT IS, ADAM! THE MADMAN AGAIN! THIS POOR GIRL'S BEEN MAULED... AND YET SHE DIED SLOWLY! HOW HORRIBLE!

THE DEAD WOMAN IS BUT ONE AMONG MANY RECENT SIMILAR DEATHS! VAMPIRELLA, THE HUNTRESS FROM THE STARS, HAS RECOGNIZED A PATTERN EMERGING AND IS FIRST ON THE SCENE! WITH HER... HER CLOSE FRIEND AND FORMER LOVER, ADAM VAN HELSING!



A FEAST OF FEAR VAMPIRELLA



A TENSE SILENCE FILLS THE CAR AS ADAM DRIVES THEM TO THEIR HOTEL! SINCE PANTHA BROKE UP WITH ADAM, HE AND VAMPIRELLA HAVE BEEN TRYING TO REBUILD A RELATIONSHIP... SOMEWHERE BETWEEN FRIENDSHIP AND PASSION!



VAMPIRELLA IS A PROUD WOMAN! ADAM NEVER EXPECTED HER TO WELCOME HIM BACK WITH LOVING ARMS! NOR DID HE EXPECT THE COLDNESS AND FORMALITY WITH WHICH SHE IS TREATING HIM! HE HAS NO IDEA WHAT SHE IS THINKING AND IT IS DRIVING HIM MAD!

BACK AT THE HOTEL...!

I KNOW YOU INSISTED ON HAVING YOUR OWN ROOM... BUT STAY WITH ME TILL I FALL ASLEEP. OKAY? FOR OLD TIMES' SAKE?

OH, ALL RIGHT...!



THREE DEATHS IN THREE NIGHTS... AND EACH VICTIM DIED SLOWLY AND IN GREAT AGONY!

I SENSE A HELLISH AND DEMONIC PURPOSE AT WORK...!



THEN YESTERDAY, ANOTHER WOMAN WAS FOUND UNDER THE BOARDWALK, HER THROAT SLIT IN SUCH A MANNER THAT SHE BLED TO DEATH! SLOWLY! DROP BY GONIZING DROP!



MEANWHILE, A MERE THREE BLOCKS AWAY, A BRUISED AND BATTERED WOMAN CRAWLS TO A PHONE WITH DESPERATION BORN OF TERROR...!

MUST STOP HIM... BEFORE TOO LATE!



AS SHE LIFTS THE RECEIVER AND PUNCHES "0", HER MASSIVE INTERNAL BLEEDING SAPS THE LAST OF HER STRENGTH... AND NIGHTMARES ENGULF HER!

THIS IS THE OPERATOR! HELLO? ANYONE THERE?

LONG AFTER ADAM HAS FALLEN ASLEEP, VAMPIRELLA STAYS WITH HIM... TO WATCH HIS FACE IN REPOSE... TO REMEMBER OLD TIMES... TO BROOD OVER A SHATTERED LOVE!

THIS BULLETIN JUST IN... A SAVAGELY BEATEN WOMAN WAS RUSHED TO MERCY HOSPITAL! AUTHORITIES BELIEVE SHE MAY BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY HER ASSAILANT... THE SAME ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SERIES OF GRISLY SEASHORE MURDERS!





THAT'S THE BREAK WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!



WAKE UP, RIP VAN HELSING! COME ON... UP AND AT 'EM, ADAM!

HUH? WHA-!? WHAT'S UP?

WE'VE GOT TO GET TO MERCY HOSPITAL... FAST!



THIS WOMAN IS BOUND TO HAVE POLICE PROTECTION! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME EXPLAINING TO DO, Y'KNOW!

SHE'S ALSO GOING TO BE DOPED UP ON ENOUGH PAIN KILLERS TO KEEP A PUNKER HIGH FOR A YEAR!

I GUESS IT'S TIME FOR A BAT-CHANGE!



EMPLOYING HER DRAKULONIAN ABILITY TO TRANSFORM INTO A BAT, THE VAMPRESS FLUTTERS UPWARD...



TO ALIGHT SECONDS LATER IN THE HOSPITAL'S INTENSIVE CARE WING!

THE POOR WOMAN'S NEAR DEATH AND ADAM WAS RIGHT...SHE IS HEAVILY DRUGGED!

BUT NO ONE CAN RESIST MY DRAKULONIAN HYPNOTIC TECHNIQUE!



USING ALL HER WILLPOWER, VAMPIRELLA HYPNOTIZES THE DRUGGED WOMAN IN A SOFT MONOTONE, A REMARKABLE STORY IS TOLD UNDER VAMPIRELLA'S GENTLE QUESTIONING...!

MY NAME IS LEOMA FFYTTE! I HAVE BEEN LOWELY ALL MY LIFE! WHENEVER A MAN COMES TO LOVE ME, ANOTHER WOMAN ALWAYS TAKES HIM AWAY! IN MY LONELINESS, I SOUGHT SOLACE IN MYSTICISM! I BECAME A CONJURESS!

RECENTLY, AS AN INSTRUMENT AGAINST OTHER WOMEN, I CONJURED THE DEMON BALAZARR! BALAZARR HATES WOMEN...HE THRIVES ON THEIR PAIN AND FEAR...!



I... I LOST CONTROL OF THE DEMON! H-HE ASSUMED A FORM IN THIS WORLD! HE LIVES! HE'S BEGUN TO... TO KILL! I TRIED TO DISPEL HIM, B-BUT HE TURNED ON ME... BEAT ME... DRANK MY FEAR!



CAN BALAZARR BE KILLED? HOW? HOW CAN I KILL HIM?

SOUNDS LIKE VOICES! BETTER TAKE A LOOK!



BLESSED BY A PRIEST, AND SAY THESE WORDS. "BALAZARR NAYTHA INCORPORY!"

"NAYTHA INCOR-I" THE DOOR! SOMEONE'S COMING! MUST BE THE POLICE!



HELL, THERE'S NOBODY HERE! JUST SOME BAT THAT FLEW IN THE WINDOW!



ANY LUCK?

I'LL BRIEF YOU AS WE DRIVE! LET'S GO!



VAMPIRELLA RECOUNTS THE TALE THAT LEONA FFYTHE TOLD UNDER HYPNOSIS, THE TALE OF THE FEARSOME DEMON... BALAZARR!

THE FIRST PLACE WE HAVE TO GO TO IS A CHURCH, TO SEE A PRIEST!

A CHURCH! A PRIEST! VAMPIRELLA! THIS IS SO SUDDEN! I-I!

CALM DOWN, LOVER BOY! WE'LL NEED A PRIEST TO HELP US DESTROY THE DEMON!

AND AFTER A SHORT VISIT TO A NEARBY CHURCH...!

NOW...
WE HAVE TO
FIND THE DEMON!
TONIGHT! BEFORE
HE CAN KILL
AGAIN!

ALL THE
MURDERS TOOK
PLACE IN DARK-
NESS. IN ISO-
LATION! BALA-
ZARR FEEDS ON
FEAR AND NEEDS
DARKNESS!

I HAVE
IT...!



A CARNIVAL
FUN HOUSE? VAMPI-
RE YOU SURE ABOUT
THIS?

AS SURE AS
I CAN BE! IT HAS
ALL THE ESSENTIAL
ELEMENTS...



ALL THE ELEMENTS TO
GET US BOTH KILLED! OH GODS OF
DRAKULON AND EARTH... LET NO HARM
COME TO ADAM! I PRAY YOU!



WE'VE
ALREADY BROKEN
INTO THE FAIRGROUNDS!
WHAT DO WE HAVE TO
LOSE BY BREAKING INTO
THE FUNHOUSE
TOO?

OUR
LIVES!

WELL,
YOU ASKED!



LET'S
SPLIT UP!
I'LL TAKE
THE STAIRS,
OKAY?

FINE
BY ME!



WOULD I RECOGNIZE
THE DEMON IF I SAW IT?
THIS PLACE IS FULL OF
HORRORS! IT'S PERFECT
CAMOUFLAGE!



I DETECT THE SCENT OF RECENTLY DRIED BLOODY THE DEMON IS HERE!



I'VE GOT TO FIND BALAZARR BEFORE ADAM DOES! NOT THAT HE CAN'T HANDLE HIMSELF! HE CAN!

I GUESS I LOVE HIM! I ALWAYS DID!



THE DEMON! "CHOKER" I WAS CARELESS THINKING TOO MUCH ABOUT

...ADAM!

VAMPIRELLA FEELS HIS CLAWS RAKING HER FLESH... FEELS ITS HOT BREATH, LIKE A RUSH OF AIR FROM A STALE TOMB... HEARS ITS MEWLING AND WHEEZING... AND FEELS FEAR!

HELPLESS IN HIS UNEARTHLY GRIP, VAMPIRELLA BEGINS TO LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS, ALL THE WHILE SHOOTING DEFIANCE FROM HER EYES... FULLY INTENDING TO DIE DENYING BALAZARR HIS PLEASURE!

BALAZARR! PAY ATTENTION YOU SLIME SUCKING CREEP!



NO! I MUST FIGHT MY FEAR! BALAZARR MAY KILL ME... BUT I WILL DENY HIM MY FEAR!



VAMPI! I'M READY WITH THE SILVER BULLETS BLESSED BY A PRIEST! DO YOU REMEMBER THE WORDS THE CONJURESS TOLD YOU?



GRADUALLY, THE KISS, AND THE MOMENT, ARE BROKEN... AND A PROFOUND EMPHNESS SETTLES OVER THEM BOTH

SORRY I TOOK SO LONG, BABE... BUT I HAD TO LINE UP A CLEAR SHOT! YOU... YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?

ADAM!
OH, ADAM
L..!



IT'S NOT RIGHT!
I'M SORRY, VAMPIRELLA!
WE... WE HAD A PERFECT
LOVE... AND I RUINED IT!
BUT NOW...!

NOW
IT'S TOO
LATE FOR
US! IT
WOULD BE
A LIE!



HE'S RIGHT!
IT WOULD BE FOOLISH
TO EVEN TRY TO RE-
CAPTURE WHAT WE HAD!
FOOLISH!

MY MIND
KNOWS THAT IT'S
TRUE! NOW... HOW
DO I CONVINCE MY
ACHING HEART?



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THE
MASQUE
OF THE **RED**
DEATH!

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THE COUNTRY!



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SO **HIDEOUS!**

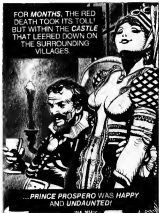
ITS MANY VICTIMS FELL PREY TO
SHARP PAINS, SUDDEN
DIZZINESS...AND THEN PROFUSE
BLEEDING AT THE PORES!



SCARLET
STAINS
QUICKLY
SPREAD
OVER THE
LENGTH OF
THE BODY,
ESPECIALLY
THE FACE

AND
THOSE
THUS
MARKED
WERE
DOOMED TO
DEATH!

FOR MONTHS, THE RED DEATH TOOK ITS TOLL! BUT WITHIN THE CASTLE THAT LEERED DOWN ON THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES...



...PRINCE PROSPERO WAS HAPPY AND UNDAUNTED!

THE FORTRESS WAS A MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE ...THE CREATION OF THE ECCENTRIC PRINCE'S OWN ODD TASTE!



THE THICK WALLS WERE HIGH AND INSURMOUNTABLE.



...WITH MASSIVE DOORS OF IRON THAT WERE LOCKED FAST ...TO PREVENT ANYONE FROM ENTERING OR DEPARTING!

THE CASTLE WAS AMPLY PROVISIONED! THOSE INSIDE WERE SAFE FROM THE PLAGUE!



THE WORLD OUTSIDE WAS LEFT TO TAKE CARE OF ITSELF!



P-PLEASE... G-GIVE ME FOOD... MEDICINE...!

WITHIN THE CASTLE, PRINCE PROSPERO RULED AS BEFORE! OUTSIDE, THE RED DEATH REIGNED!



OOOH...!



WHILE THE CONTAGION CONTINUED
TO RAGE AND THE ILLNESS SLEW
HALF THE LOCAL POPULATION

THE PRINCE PROCLAIMED
THAT A MASKED BALL OF
UNUSUAL LAVISHNESS WOULD
BE HELD!



THERE WERE
BUFFOONS!



THERE WERE BALLET DANCERS!



THERE WERE
MUSICIANS!



THERE
WAS
BEAU-
TY!



AND THERE WAS WINE!





CONCEALMENT WAS HIS SECONDARY
WE'RE WITHIN



...WITHOUT WAS THE RED DEATH!

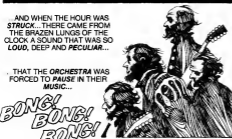


PHOSPERO'S PARTY WAS
HELD IN A SPACIOUS
CHAMBER DECORATED ALL
IN BLACK...AS SUITED THE
PRINCE'S FANCY...



AND IN THIS BLACK ROOM... THERE STOOD A GIANTIC
CLOCK OF HIGHLY POLISHED EBONY!

ITS PENDULUM SWUNG TO AND FRO WITH A DULL
HEAVY CLANG...



...AND WHEN THE HOUR WAS
STRUCK... THERE CAME FROM
THE BRAZEN LUNGS OF THE
CLOCK A SOUND THAT WAS SO
LOUD, DEEP AND PECULIAR...

...THAT THE ORCHESTRA WAS
FORCED TO PAUSE IN THEIR
MUSIC...

**BONG!
BONG!
BONG!**



...AND THE DANCERS TO CEASE IN THEIR STEPS!

BONG! BONG! BONG!

BUT WHEN THE CLOCK'S ECHOES HAD FULLY ENDED...A LIGHT LAUGHTER AT ONCE PERVADED THE ASSEMBLY!



THE MUSICIANS LOOKED AT EACH OTHER AND SMILED AT THEIR OWN NERVOUSNESS AND FOLLY.



AND MADE WHISPERING VOWS EACH TO THE OTHER THAT THE NEXT CHIMING OF THE CLOCK SHOULD PRODUCE IN THEM NO SIMILAR EMOTION!



...THERE CAME YET ANOTHER STRIKING OF THE CLOCK...



...PRODUCING THE SAME TREMULOUSNESS AND DISCOMFORT AS BEFORE!



BUT, IN SPITE OF THIS, THE PARTY WAS A GAY AND WONDERFUL REVEL!



THERE WAS MUCH OF THE ENCHANTING... MUCH OF THE WANTON... MUCH OF THE BIZARRE... SOMETHING OF THE TERRIBLE... AND NOT A LITTLE OF THAT WHICH MIGHT HAVE EXCITED DISGUST!



ALL ABOUT THE CHAMBER STALKED A MULTITUDE OF DREAMLIKE CHARACTERS!



AND THE PARTY WHIRLED ON...



UNTIL AT LENGTH THERE COMMENCED THE SOUND OF MIDNIGHT UPON THE CLOCK!



THE MUSIC AGAIN CEASED... THE EVOLUTIONS OF THE WALTZERS WERE QUIETED... AND THERE WAS AN UNEASY CESSATION OF ALL THINGS AS BEFORE!

SUDDENLY, MANY OF THE THROG became aware of the presence of a MASKED FIGURE...



AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SOMEHOW MANAGED TO ESCAPE PREVIOUS ATTENTION!

A WHISPERED RUMOR OF THE NEW PRESENCE SPREAD QUICKLY AROUND...UNTIL THERE AROSE AT LENGTH A COLLECTIVE MURMUR OF SURPRISE...



...A MURMUR THAT SWIFTLY CHANGED INTO ONE OF HORROR AND TERROR!

THE FIGURE WAS TALL AND GAUNT...SHROUDED FROM HEAD TO FOOT IN THE REGALIA OF THE GRAVE!



THE FACE WAS MADE TO RESEMBLE THE COUNTENANCE OF A STIFFENED CORPSE...



AND THE CLOSEST SCRUTINY COULD NOT DETECT THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF A MASK!



NONETHELESS, THERE WAS NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THE MASQUERADER HAD ASSUMED THE VISAGE OF THE RED DEATH!



WHEN THE EYES OF PRINCE PROSPERO FELL UPON THE SPECTRAL IMAGE, HE SHUDDERED FOR A MOMENT IN FEAR AND DISTASTE...



AND WHEN THE SHUDDER PASSED... HIS BROW REDDENED WITH RAGE!



SEIZE HIM AND UNMASK HIM... THAT WE MAY KNOW WHOM WE HAVE TO HANG AT SUNRISE FROM THE BATTLEMENTS!



EVERYONE HEARD THE PRINCE'S RESOUNDING WORDS...

AND RUSHED AT THE UNFLINCHING FIGURE BEFORE HIM!

YET THERE WERE NONE AMONG THE CROWD WHO DARED TO VENTURE FORWARD AND GRAB THE GRIMLY GARBED PERSONAGE!



MADDENED WITH ANGER AT THE COWARDICE OF HIS OWN COURT, THE FURIOUS PROSPERO DREW HIS DAGGER...



WITHOUT WARNING, THERE WAS A SHARP CRY...AND THE DAGGER DROPPED GLEAMING UPON THE BLACK CARPET...



UPON WHICH, INSTANTLY AFTERWARD, FELL THE LIFELESS BODY OF PRINCE PROSPERO!



AT ONCE, THE THRONG OF REVELERS THREW THEMSELVES AT THE TALL FIGURE IN BLACK WHO STOOD MOTIONLESS WITHIN THE SHADOW OF THE EBONY CLOCK!



GASPING IN UNUTTERABLE HORROR, THE CROWD SOON DISCOVERED THAT THE CORPSELIKE MASK COULD NOT BE REMOVED...



AND THAT THE MAN THEY SO ROUGHLY ABUSED WAS, IN ACTUALITY, THE VERY PERSONIFICATION OF THE RED DEATH ITSELF!



ONE BY ONE, THE REVELERS DROPPED IN THE BLOOD-BEDEWED HALLS!



THE LIFE OF THE EBONY CLOCK WENT OUT WITH THE LAST OF THEM!



FOR WHEN THE RED DEATH REIGNED, IT REIGNED OVER ALL...!



AT LENGTH, THE FLAMES IN THE TRIPODS EXPIRED

AND ALL WAS DARKNESS!

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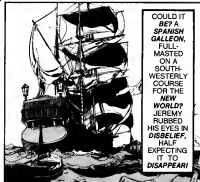
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JEREMY

DEALT A CROOKED HAND BY CRUEL FATE, HE HAD BEEN A CABIN LAD ABOARD THE BRITISH FRIGATE, THE H.M.S. COURAGE, WHEN A DEVASTATING PLAGUE DESCENDED UPON THE CREW! THE CAPTAIN, NOT WANTING JEREMY TO CONTRACT THE DEADLY CONTAGION, SET THE BOY ADRIFT IN A LISTLESS CARIBBEAN SEA!



FOR MANY LONG DAYS, TREACHEROUS WINDS PUSHED JEREMY'S BOAT SOUTHWARD ACROSS THE GREAT ATLANTIC! THEN, ON THE SIXTH DAY OF HIS ORDEAL UNDER THE HARSH TROPICAL SUN, A BREEZE BROUGHT THE FAMILIAR SOUNDS OF CREAKING TACK AND WHIPPING SAILS TO THE FEVERISH YOUNG BOY'S EARS!



COULD IT BE? A SPANISH GALLEON, FULL-MASTED ON A SOUTH-WESTERLY COURSE FOR THE NEW WORLD? JEREMY RUBBED HIS EYES IN DISBELIEF, HALF EXPECTING IT TO DISAPPEAR!



YET, THE STURDY VESSEL WAS NO MIRAGE! IT PULLED ALONGSIDE THE CASTAWAY'S DINGHY, AND THE CREW WELCOMED HIM ON-BOARD! BUT JEREMY SOON REALIZED HE'D CHOSEN THE WRONG SHIP FOR HIS SALVATION! "PIRATES," HE WHISPERED!



THE LAD QUICKLY LEARNED HE WASN'T THE ONLY CAPTIVE OF THE BARBAROUS FRENCH FREEBOOTERS WHO HAD COMMANDERED THE PROUD SPANISH SHIP "LA INTREPIDA"... THE INTREPID! AN ARROGANT SLIP OF A CHILD WAS ALSO IN THE PIRATES' HANDS. HER LADYSHIP DONA AURELIA SANCHEZ ESPINOZA... DAUGHTER OF THE GOVERNOR OF MADRID!



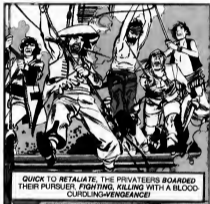
IT WAS OBVIOUS TO JEREMY THAT THE PIRATES HAD INTENDED TO HOLD THE CHILD IN EXCHANGE FOR A KING'S RANSOM! YET, CLEARLY, SHE WAS THE OBJECT OF MUCH DISSENSION BETWEEN THE BUCCANEER CAPTAIN, GEOFFREY LE LANDAIS, AND HIS BURLY FIRST MATE, TURKI



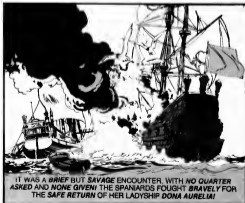
THE BOY HAS SEEN THE TWO NEARLY CROSS SWORDS! A GUST OF WIND ENDED THE DUEL EVEN BEFORE IT HAD BEGUN! A FORTUNATE WIND FOR MASTER TURK, AS LE LANDAIS WAS CLEARLY THE MORE CONFIDENT SWORDSMAN!



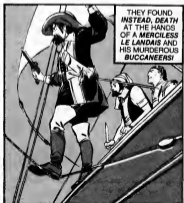
THE FEUD HAD STILL NOT BEEN RESOLVED THE NEXT MORNING WHEN A WELL-ARMED MAN-OF-WAR APPEARED ON THE HORIZON, GREETING THE INTREPID WITH A DEADLY BROADSIDE THAT SPLINTERED HER MIZZEN!



QUICK TO RETALIATE, THE PRIVATEERS BOARDED THEIR PURSUER, FIGHTING, KILLING WITH A BLOOD-CURDLING VENGEANCE!



IT WAS A BRIEF BUT SAVAGE ENCOUNTER, WITH NO QUARTER ASKED AND NONE GIVEN! THE SPANIARDS FOUGHT BRAVELY FOR THE SAFE RETURN OF HER LADYSHIP DONA AURELIA!



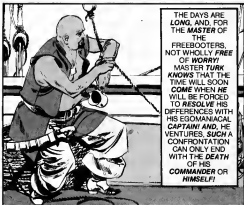
THEY FOUND INSTEAD, DEATH AT THE HANDS OF A MERCILESS LE LANDAIS AND HIS MURDEROUS BUCCANEERS!



FOR JEREMY AND THE LITTLE PRINCESS, LIFE RETURNS TO ITS FORMER MONOTONOUS COURSE ABOARD THE FRENCH PIRATE GALLEON!



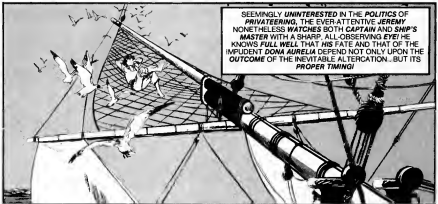
WHILE THE CORSAIRS BUSY THEMSELVES REPAIRING THEIR DAMAGED VESSEL, THE SHIP CONTINUES ITS MEANDERING ROUTE THROUGH THE CARIBBEAN, EVER ON THE ALERT FOR EASY MARITIME PREY!



THE DAYS ARE LONG, AND, FOR THE MASTER OF THE FREEBOOTERS, NOT WHOLLY FREE OF WORRY! MASTER TURK KNOWS THAT THE TIME WILL SOON COME WHEN HE WILL BE FORCED TO RESOLVE HIS DIFFERENCES WITH HIS EGOMANIACAL CAPTAIN! AND, HIS VENTURES, SUCH A CONFRONTATION CAN ONLY END WITH THE DEATH OF HIS COMMANDER OR HIMSELF!



CAPTAIN GEOFFREY LE LANDAIS KNOWS, AS WELL, THAT A DAY OF RECKONING IS LONG OVERDUE! YET, FAR FROM FEARING THE INEVITABLE ENCOUNTER, HE SMILES TO HIMSELF IN SINISTER ANTICIPATION! HE HAS BEEN CALLED THE BEST SWORDSMAN IN ALL MARSEILLES! CERTAINLY, NO MAN WITH HIS COMMAND POSSESSES A MORE CUNNING BLADE! HE WELCOMES ANY OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE HIS SKILLS! NOT ONLY WOULD IT SERVE TO FEED HIS ALREADY SIZEABLE EGO... BUT IT WOULD REAFFIRM HIS AUTHORITY AS SOLE COMMANDER OF THE INTREPID!



SEEMINGLY UNINTERESTED IN THE POLITICS OF PRIVATEERING, THE EVER-ATTENTIVE JEREMY NONETHELESS WATCHES BOTH CAPTAIN AND SHIP'S MASTER WITH A SHARP, ALL-OBSERVING EYE! HE KNOWS FULL WELL THAT HIS FATE AND THAT OF THE IMPUDENT DONA AURELIA DEPEND NOT ONLY UPON THE OUTCOME OF THE INEVITABLE ALTERCATION... BUT ITS PROPER TIMING!

DAYS PASS WITHOUT INCIDENT, THE PRIVATEERS FINDING NO WILLING ADVERSARY EITHER UPON THE SEAS OR WITHIN THEIR OWN RANKS.



FINALLY, THE INTREPID CASTS ANCHOR NEAR ONE OF THE NUMEROUS CARIBBEAN ISLES, AND A WATER PARTY IS SENT INLAND TO REPLENISH DWINDLING SUPPLIES!



"PULL FIRMLY AT THE OARS, LAD!" COMMANDS PIOROT, THE SEAMAN IN CHARGE OF THE DETAIL! JEREMY, TOO, HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO GO, AND HE QUICKLY SEES THAT THERE IS NOT THE FIRST SHIP TO BEACH UPON THE ROCKY ISLAND! "THAT IS THE WRECKAGE OF THE BLOODSPILL!" PIOROT REPORTS PROUDLY "THE FLAGSHIP OF CAPTAIN JACQUES EPHRAIM! IT WAS BATTERED AND LEFT TO THE ROCKS BY OUR OWN CAPTAIN GEOFFREY LE LANDAIS!"



WHAT PIOROT DOES NOT KNOW, HOWEVER, IS THAT ALL HANDS ABOARD THE BLOODSPILL DID NOT GO DOWN WITH THEIR SHIP! A HANDFUL OF THE RAGGED SURVIVORS CAUTIOUSLY WATCH THE NEWCOMERS, SIZING THEM UP BEFORE MAKING THEIR PRESENCE KNOWN! "FREEBOOTERS, MATEYS! JUST LIKE US! MAYHAPS THEY'LL LET US JOIN THEM!"



"NO!" CRIES AN ANGRY ONE EYED MAN "THAT'S THE DEVIL WHAT STRANDED US HERE GEOFFREY LE LANDAIS... THE HELL-HOUND WHO TOOK ONE OF MY EYES, THINKING HE WAS TAKING MY LIFE ALONG WITH IT!"



"LET'S SLAUGHTER THE BLOOD OF THEM," WHISPERS ANOTHER! "WE CAN CLAIM THEIR LIFEBOAT AND OVERPOWER THEIR SHIP IN THE DARKNESS!"



NEVER SUSPECTING THAT A TRAP IS ABOUT TO BE SPRUNG, THE LANDING PARTY VENTURES INLAND, AWAY FROM THE PROTECTIVE EYES OF THEIR SHIP, CAPTAIN AND CREW!

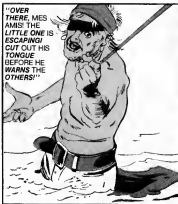
AS THEY RUSH INTO THE WARM, TROPICAL WATERS, THE BLACK HEARTS OF JEREMY'S CAPTORS FAIRLY SHRIEK WITH A CHILDLIKE INNOCENCE! THE FREEBOOTERS FROLIC IN THE REFRESHING ISLAND WATERS, MOMENTARILY FORGETTING THE CARES OF THEIR RUTHLESS LIFESTYLE!



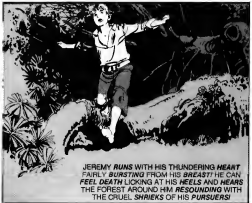
IN THE CONCEALING ROCKS ABOVE THE TROPICAL POND, THE ONE-EYED PIRATE QUIETLY WHISPERS HIS CHILLING COMMAND! "NO SURVIVORS, MES AMIS!" "AYE, CAPTAIN EPHRAIM." SEVERAL MUTTER IN GRIM, DETERMINED RESPONSE!"



SCREECHING THEIR BONE-NUMBING WAR-CRIES, THE STRANDED PRIVATEERS HURL THEMSELVES UPON THEIR STARTLED VICTIMS!



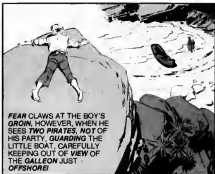
"OVER THERE, MES AMIS! THE LITTLE ONE IS ESCAPING! CUT OUT HIS TONGUE BEFORE HE WARNS THE OTHERS!"



JEREMY RUNS WITH HIS THUNDERING HEART FAIRLY BURSTING FROM HIS BREAST! HE CAN FEEL DEATH LICKING AT HIS HEELS AND HEARS THE FOREST AROUND HIM RESOUNDING WITH THE CRUEL SHRIEKS OF HIS PURSUERS!



PRUDENTLY, JEREMY CIRCLING TOWARD THE COVE AND THE SKIFF WHICH BROUGHT HIS LANDING PARTY TO SHORE!



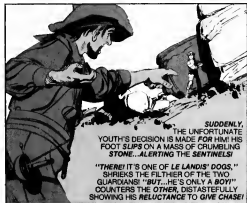
FEAR CLAWS AT THE BOY'S GROWN, HOWEVER, WHEN HE SEES TWO PIRATES, NOT OF HIS PARTY, GUARDING THE LITTLE BOAT, CAREFULLY KEEPING OUT OF VIEW OF THE GALLEON JUST OFFSHORE!



"EPHRAIM IS CUNNING," VENTURES ONE OF THE LICE-ENCRUSTED SENTINELS! "HE WILL BUTCHER THE LANDING PARTY WITH EASE! YET, IF SO MUCH AS ONE OF LE LANDAIS' DOGS ESCAPE, EPHRAIM KNOWS, HE WILL MAKE STRAIGHT FOR THIS SKIFF!" "THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO KILL HIM," THE SECOND PIRATE BOASTS WITH A NERVOUS LAUGH!

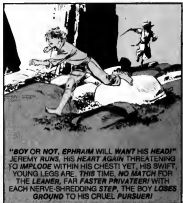


THE HAPLESS CABIN BOY DOESN'T NEED TO HEAR THE WORDS! HE KNOWS INSTINCTIVELY THAT HIS LIFE WILL BE FORFEIT IF HE SO MUCH AS SHOWS A HAIR OF HIS WORRISOME HEAD! NOR CAN HE DOUBLE BACK TO THE JUNGLE! FOR THERE, SURELY, HE'D BE FOUND AND QUARTERED BY THE MAIN FORCE OF THESE BARBARIAN ASSAILANTS! WHAT TO DO, HE WONDERS, HIS HEAD SPINNING FROM THE LACK OF ALTERNATIVES!



SUDDENLY, THE UNFORTUNATE YOUTH'S DECISION IS MADE FOR HIM! HIS FOOT SLIPS ON A MASS OF CRUMBLING STONE...ALERTING THE SENTINELS!

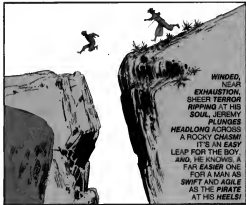
"THERE! IT'S ONE OF LE LANDIS' DOGS," SHRIEKS THE FILTERER OF THE TWO GUARDIANS! "BUT...HE'S ONLY A BOY!" COUNTERS THE OTHER, DISTASTEFULLY SHOWING HIS RELUCTANCE TO GIVE CHASE!



"BOY OR NOT, EPHRAIM WILL WANT HIS HEAD!" JEREMY RUNS, HIS HEART AGAIN THREATENING TO IMplode WITHIN HIS CHEST! YET, HIS SWIFT, YOUNG LEGS ARE, THIS TIME, NO MATCH FOR THE LEANER, FAR FASTER PRIVATEER! WITH EACH NERVE-SHREDDING STEP, THE BOY LOSES GROUND TO HIS CRUEL PURSUER!



THE LAD PUSHES HIMSELF, HARDER, TO NO AVAIL! THE CORSAIR CONTINUES TO GAIN ON HIM, HIS SHARP SWORD SLASHING THE AIR AT THE CABIN BOY'S BACK!



WINDED, NEAR EXHAUSTION, SHEER TERROR RIPPING AT HIS SOUL, JEREMY PLUNGES HEADLONG ACROSS A ROCKY CHASM! IT'S AN EASY LEAP FOR THE BOY, AND, HE KNOWS, A FAR EASIER ONE FOR A MAN AS SWIFT AND AGILE AS THE PIRATE AT HIS HEELS!



PERHAPS FAR TOO EASY FOR THE OVERCONFIDENT MAN! FOR, AS THE PIRATE SAILS ACROSS THE ROCKY GAP, THE FAR LEDGE CRUMBLES BENEATH HIS HURLING WEIGHT!



A MOMENT LATER, TO JEREMY'S DISBELIEF, THE ATTACKER LIES DEAD... HIS BODY BROKEN IN THE COURSE GRANITE PIT BELOW!



A CONCERT OF SAVAGE SCREAMS BRINGS JEREMY TO HIS SENSES!



THE MAD PURSUIT BEGINS ANEW, AND THIS TIME, THE BOY KNOWS, NO ACCIDENT WILL SAVE HIM FROM HIS ASSAILANTS' BARBARISM!



ON THE DECK OF THE ANCHORED INTREPID, CAPTAIN GEOFFREY LE LANDAIS FOLLOWS THE ODD CHASE WITH HIS LONGVIEW! HE SMILES AT FIRST, THINKING THE BOY IS TRYING TO ESCAPE HIS LANDING PARTY! THEN, SUDDENLY, THE CAPTAIN'S BROW FURROWS! JEREMY'S PURSUERS ARE NOT HIS MEN, AT ALL!

EVEN THE RAGING DIN OF THE WAVES
CRASHING AGAINST THE ROCKY SHORE
CANNOT MASK THE BLOODTHIRSTY CRIES OF

THE WAR-
HOUNDS,
CLOSING
IN FOR AN
EASY KILL!



"GOOD GOD! THE BOY'S GOT NOWHERE TO TURN!" LE LANDAIS
RAGES! "THOSE BASTARDS WILL CUT HIM TO SHREDS AND FEED
HIS FLESH TO THE SEA BIRDS!"

"NO!" CRIES A SAILOR AT THE CAPTAIN'S SIDE! "THE SHIP BOY IS
GOING TO JUMP!"



WITHOUT HESITATION, THE BRAVE LAD GLIDES
OVER THE CLIFF EDGE, GRACEFULLY ARCHING
THROUGH THE AIR, TO THE SHRIEKING
ACCOMPANIMENT OF HIS PURSUERS' PIERCING
SCREAMS...AND HIS SHIPMATES' ROUSING
CHEERS!



"THOSE BUTCHERS MUST BE SURVIVORS OF EPHRAIM'S
BLOODSPILL! MASTER TURK... SEND YOUR MEN TO THE ISLAND
AND RID THE EARTH, ONCE AND FOR ALL, OF THAT MURDEROUS
SEA DOG!" THE CAPTAIN COMMANDS!



"SETTLE YOUR OWN QUARRELS, LE LANDAIS," THE FIRST MATE
RESPONDS! "EPHRAIM IS YOUR ENEMY! MY MEN WON'T GO TO
THAT DAMNED ISLAND TO BE SLAUGHTERED!"

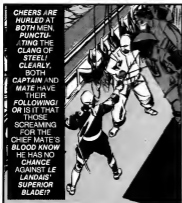
"MASTER TURK, THAT WILL BE THE END OF YOUR INSOLENCE," LE
LANDAIS GROWLS!



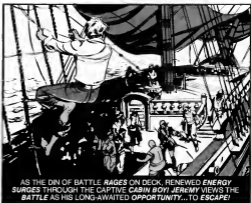
INSTANTLY... THE RASPING STEEL OF BOTH MEN IS OUT IN THE OPEN! THE TWO PIRATES THROW THEMSELVES AGAINST ONE ANOTHER, IN EQUALLY VIOLENT FITS OF BRISTLING, UNBRIDLED RAGE!



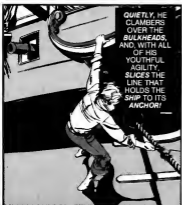
"FINALLY, TYRANT! YOU GIVE ME THE CHANCE TO SLICE YOUR VILE HEART OUT..." THE BURLY TURK SNARLS! "MASTER TURK, YOU ARE AN IGNORANT FOOL! IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO RUN MY SWORD THROUGH YOUR BLOATED CARCASS!" THE CAPTAIN TAUNTS, IN TURN!



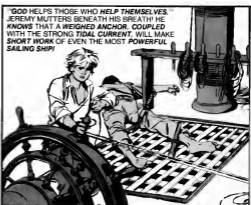
CHEERS ARE HURLED AT BOTH MEN, PUNCTUATING THE CLANG OF STEEL! CLEARLY, BOTH CAPTAIN AND MATE HAVE THEIR FOLLOWING! OR IS IT THAT THOSE SCREAMING FOR THE CHIEF MATE'S BLOOD KNOW HE HAS NO CHANCE AGAINST LE LANDAIS' SUPERIOR BLADE!?



AS THE DIN OF BATTLE RAGES ON DECK, RENEWED ENERGY SURGES THROUGH THE CAPTIVE CABIN BOY! JEREMY VIEWS THE BATTLE AS HIS LONG-AWAITED OPPORTUNITY... TO ESCAPE!



QUIETLY, HE CLAMBERS OVER THE BULKHEADS, AND, WITH ALL OF HIS YOUTHFUL AGILITY, SLICES THE LINE THAT HOLDS THE SHIP TO ITS ANCHOR!



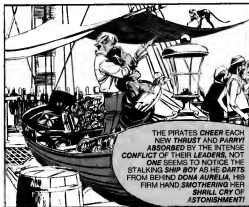
"GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES," JEREMY MUTTERS BENEATH HIS BREATH! HE KNOWS THAT A WEIGHED ANCHOR, COUPLED WITH THE STRONG TIDAL CURRENT, WILL MAKE SHORT WORK OF EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL SAILING SHIP!



HIS TASK FAR FROM COMPLETE, JEREMY NEVER FALTERS. THOUGH HE REALIZES THAT THE MOST DANGEROUS PART OF HIS PLAN LIES YET BEFORE HIM! HE PAUSES MOMENTARILY. HIS VITAL YOUNG MIND RACING! "WHO WILL BE THE VICTOR," HE WONDERS! PERHAPS HE'LL NEVER KNOW!



"YOUR ARM WEAKENS, LE LANDAIS! SWEAT STREAMS FROM YOUR WORRIED BROW! DO YOU SO SOON SMELL THE FLAMES OF HELL?"
"AND WHAT OF YOU, FAT MAN? YOUR BREATH GROWS DANGEROUSLY SHORT! COULD IT BE YOU ARE BREATHING YOUR LAST?"



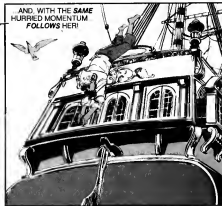
THE PIRATES CHEER EACH NEW THRUST AND PARRY! ABSORBED BY THE INTENSE CONFLICT OF THEIR LEADERS, NOT ONE SEEMS TO NOTICE THE STALKING SHIP BOY AS HE DARTS FROM BEHIND DONA AURELIA, HIS FIRM HAND SMOOTHING HER SHRILL CRY OF ASTONISHMENT!



"QUIET, GIRL." JEREMY CAUTIONS THE PRINCESS!
"THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!"



WITHOUT ANOTHER WORD, THE BOLD YOUTH TOSSES THE KICKING CHILD OVERBOARD...



...AND, WITH THE SAME HURRIED MOMENTUM FOLLOWS HER!



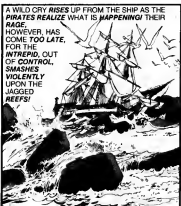
THE GIRL LOSES CONSCIOUSNESS THE SECOND SHE HITS THE WATER! AT FIRST, JEREMY IS WORRIED! "DID THE FALL BREAK HER NECK...HAVE I KILLED THE LITTLE PRINCESS?" HE WONDERS! BUT THEN, THE CHILD MOANS, AND THE LAD REALIZES THAT THE FRAIL GIRL HAS, SIMPLY, FAINTED!



DISGUSTED BY HER LACK OF FORTITUDE, JEREMY THROWS THE LIMP CHILD INTO THE LIFEBOAT, THEN SEVERS THE LINE TETHERING THE LITTLE CRAFT TO THE SHIP!



MUSTERING ALL OF HIS STRENGTH, HE ROWS HARD AGAINST THE WIND, PULLING FIERCELY, DESPERATELY AT THE OARS, TO PUT AS MUCH DISTANCE BETWEEN HIMSELF AND THE PIRATES AS POSSIBLE! IT IS ONLY THEN, AMIDST THE CLAMOR OF FIGHTING, THAT SOMEONE ON THE VESSEL SEES THE ESCAPING BOY!



A WILD CRY RISES UP FROM THE SHIP AS THE PIRATES REALIZE WHAT IS HAPPENING! THEIR RAGE, HOWEVER, HAS COME TOO LATE, FOR THE INTREPID, OUT OF CONTROL, SMASHES VIOLENTLY UPON THE JAGGED REEFS!

THE LAST ECHOES OF THE WRECKAGE LINGER FOR A TIME, LIKE A GREAT ANGRY SPECTRE UPON THE SCREAMING WINDS! THEN, FINALLY...ALL IS SILENT! TWO FRAIL YOUNGSTERS KNOW, WITHOUT SPEAKING, THAT THEY MUST FACE THE VAST, TURBULENT OCEAN ALONE...FOR EACH IS CERTAIN THAT THEIR LIVES WILL BE FORGOTTEN SHOULD THEY EVER BE FORCED TO RETURN TO THE ISLE OF LOST SHIPS!



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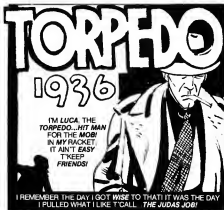
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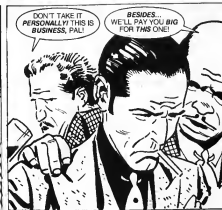


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I TOLD THEM I'D THINK IT OVER, AND PROMISED TO CALL IN A COUPLE OF DAYS! THEN I SET OUT TO FIND BENNO ON MY OWN!



I HAD TO MAKE SURE BENNO DISAPPEARED...PERMANENTLY! WITH LUCK, THE MOB WOULD NEVER KNOW!



AS I PULLED ONTO HIS STREET, THE MEMORIES CAME SPILLING BACK! BENNO AND HIS TOMMY GUN HAD HELPED ME PULL A FEW JOBS YEARS AGO!



THE MEMORIES WERE CUT SHORT BY THE FULL SCALE WAR ON BENNO'S LAWN! TWO HIRED GUNS WERE SHOOTING UP THE PLACE! THEY WANTED NO COMPETITION OR INTERRUPTION FROM ME!



THE PUNKS HAD BENNO PINNED DOWN! BUT I HAD A WAY TO EVEN THE ODDS A BIT! I CIRCLED AROUND THEM, QUIETLY COMING UP FROM BEHIND...



JUST AS MY OLD PAL LET AMP WITH HIS TOMMY GUN!



I FINISHED THE GUNMEN QUICKLY...



THEN TRIED TO GET BENNO TO TURN OFF HIS HEATER!



BENNO!
IT'S ME!
LUCA!

IT'S OVER,
COMPADRE! FINISHED!
THEY'RE DEAD!



BENNO ALWAYS HAD
BEEN HALF-DEAF
AND HALF-BLIND TO
WHAT WAS GOING
ON AROUND HIM!

BUT ONCE HE SAW ME, HE UNDERSTOOD... PERFECTLY!



LUCA!

IT... IT'S
REALLY YOU, TIO
MIO? YOU'VE
SAVED MY FAT
BUTT!

HE ALMOST CRIED AT THE SICK, TWISTED WAY WE'D BEEN REUNITED!



HA
HA! YOU
NEVER LOOKED
BETTER, YOU
OLD SON OF
A FLESH
PEDDLER!

COME!
WE'LL
CELEBRATE
WITH WINE!
LOTS OF
IT!



YOU
LOOK GOOD,
TOO, BENNO!
FAT AND
HAPPY!

YOU'RE AS BIG
A LIMA AS ALWAYS,
MY FRIEND!









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SOMETIME BEFORE DAWN, SHE CROSSED THE EMPTY AVENUE, CLICKING HER TONGUE TO THE RHYTHM OF HER STEPS! SHE DID A BRIEF SIDEWALK TAPDANCE, ENDING IN A PIROUETTE, A CURTSY AND A GIGGLE!

THE THIRD DRINK DEFINITELY SHOULD'VE BEEN HER LAST! THE STREET SWELLED AND SHRANK LIKE A BALLOON INFLATING AND DEFLATING!



SHE WISHED NOW SHE'D GONE HOME WITH THAT SWEDIE LIKE SHE'D WANTED TO! WHY DID SHE ALWAYS TALK HERSELF OUT OF THINGS? WHY MUST SHE BE ALONE NOW?



BUT SHE WAS NOT ALONE! HARDLY! A MAN'S EYES BURNED INTO HER AS SHE FUMBLE AT THE DOOR. EYES THAT REFLECTED THE WARRING FACTIONS OF HATE AND LOVE THAT SEETHED WITHIN HIM!



DAD ALWAYS SAID IN BUSINESS AND IN LOVE, HE WHO HESITATES IS A LOSER!



HE FELT SOMETHING WARM AND WET SPILL OVER HIS FINGERS! NOW HE COULD WASH HIS HANDS OF THE ENTIRE MATTER! IT WAS OVER!



AND WOULDN'T HIS PARENTS BE PROUD?

NIGHTWIND

AFTERWARD, WHEN HE WALKED THE CITY GUTPIRE BURNED HIS BELLY! SKYSCRAPERS TOWERING TOMBSTONES, SAT IN JUDGMENT! IT WAS HE WHO HAD TO TRY TO LIVE WITH HIS CRIME NOT HIS PARENTS!

THERE WAS NO FORGIVENESS, NOT FOR WHAT HE'D DONE!



HE HEARD HIS MOM... IF THINE EYES AN OCCASION OF SIN, PLUCK IT!

THOU SHALT NOT KILL... I HAVE KILLED! BORN ON THE NIGHTWIND... REIGNS OF SALVATION AND RETRIBUTION WHIRLED IN HIS REELING BRAIN... HIS FATHER SMILED AND PATTED HIM ON THE BACK... WHO? THANK AN' IT MONS BIT HIM ON THE LEG!

HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER... HE'D TRIED... GOD, HE'D TRIED! BUT HE'D NEVER KNOW HOW BEST TO HONOR THEM! CHILDREN GET INTO A MENTION GETTING DEVICES, KNIVES DESCENDING AND SEVERING... (HE'S OWN HAND!) MOM, WATCH ME!





STEPHANO CAPALDI, YOU'RE CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER!

LAB TESTS CONCLUSIVELY SHOW THE SAME CLEAVER KENED FROM YOU KILLED JENNY BAILEY AND TRACES OF HER BLOOD WERE FOUND UPON YOUR JACKET! ALSO, WE HAVE AN EYEWITNESS!

YOU'VE HEARD YOUR RIGHTS! CARE TO MAKE A STATEMENT?

STEPHANO CAPALDI WAS A SENIOR HONORS STUDENT AT A PROMINENT MEDICAL COLLEGE! HE LIVED WITH HIS FATHER, ANTONIO, AND MOTHER, MARIA, IN AN UPTOWN APARTMENT THAT GAGGED ON ITS OWN LUXURY!

SHE WOULD ANSWER THE DOOR DRESSED, OR UNDRESSED, AS SHE WAS, OBLIVIOUS TO THE EFFECT SHE HAD ON HIM! GOD, WHAT THE SIGHT OF HER TIGHT BLACK BODY DID TO HIM!



ANTONIO CAPALDI WAS JENNY BAILEY'S LANDLORD! STEPHANO FIRST MET THE WOMAN HE WOULD LATER KILL WHILE COLLECTING RENTS FOR HIS FATHER!



YOU TELL THAT FAT-CAT FATHER OF YOURS THAT THIS IS THE LAST CENT HE'S GETTING FROM ME 'TILL THE REPAIRS HE PROMISED ARE DONE!

HE FANTASIZED ABOUT HER FROM A DISTANCE! HE HAD TO HIS FATHER WOULD NEVER APPROVE! A LIAISON WITH A BLACK WOMAN COULD JEOPARDIZE HIS SON'S FUTURE PRACTICE! NOR WOULD HIS MOTHER BE ANY HELP! JENNY BAILEY WAS A DIVORCEE, WHICH, ACCORDING TO MARIA'S STRICT ROMAN CATHOLIC UPBRINGING, MADE HER A CANDIDATE FOR HELL AND A THREAT TO HER SON'S MORAL WELFARE!

HE WISHED HE COULD TELL THEM BOTH TO GO SUCK A GIZZARD! THEY HAD NEVER ONCE APPROVED OF A WOMAN HE'D BROUGHT HOME! HE DIDN'T WANT TO MARRY SOME MOUSTACHED VIRGIN THAT HIS MOTHER PICKED OUT!

FINALLY, TONIGHT, THE PHYSICIAN TO BE HEALED HIMSELF AND CUT THE EMOTIONAL CANCER FROM HIS BODY! HE FLUSHED JENNY BAILEY FROM HIS SYSTEM, PERMANENTLY!



HIS INTEREST IN JENNY BECAME AN OBSESSION! HIS ANXIETY ABOUT HIS PARENTS' REACTION BECAME A TORTURE!



AND SOMEWHERE IN THE CAVED-IN LABYRINTH OF HIS MIND... HE FELT HIS PARENTS WOULD BE PROUD!



DR. BECKMAN, YOU'VE READ THE CONFESSION, INTERVIEWED THE DEFENDANT, AND CONDUCTED TESTS!

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION? IS MY CLIENT LEGALLY SANE OR NOT?

STEPHANO IS AN EMOTIONALLY IMMATURE YOUNG MAN! RECENT ESCALATION IN SCHOLASTIC AND SEXUAL PRESSURES AND THE REPRESSED HATRED FOR HIS TYRANNICAL PARENTS, CAUSED A TEMPORARY, VIOLENT LAPSE!



THE ACT OF KILLING WAS HIS RELEASE! WITH PROPER PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT HE COULD AGAIN BE A SUCCESS-BOUND MED STUDENT! ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT HE COULD SOMEHOW ESCAPE THE PAST!

IT'S MY DIAGNOSIS THAT THE KILLING WAS AN ACT OF TEMPORARY INSANITY ON HIS PART...

AND I WILL RECOMMEND PROPER TREATMENT OVER INCARCERATION!

THE DAILY HERALD

CAPALDI PLEADS GUILTY TO SECOND DEGREE MURDER

D.A. ACCEPTS DEFENSE PLEA

By ROSANNA DE SALVA

Counsel for Stephano Capaldi, accused in the murder of Jenny Bailey, yesterday entered a plea of guilty which was immediately accepted by District Attorney Albert Cury.

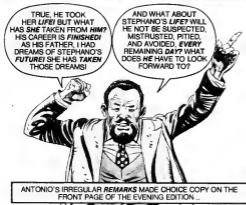
It was not longer her suspected conclusion to one of the most celebrated murder trials of the year. Capaldi, a fourth-year medical student, had been charged with the murder shortly after police discovered Ms. Bailey's body. The young black woman found in an apartment building owned by the convicted killer's father, real estate magnate and reputed mob boss Antonio Capaldi.

Dr. Joe Beckman, the psychiatrist appointed by the court to examine young Capaldi, cited "temporary insanity" as the probable cause for the crime. "With the proper psychiatric treatment, he could have returned to his normal state of mind."



GENTLEMEN, I HAVE CALLED THIS PRESS CONFERENCE ON BEHALF OF MY SON, WHO IS NOW BEING HELD WITHOUT BAIL IN A CELL, TEN MILES FROM HERE! WHY? BECAUSE SOME FILTHY, BLACK WHORF DROVE HIM TO WHAT HE DID!

STEPHANO WAS A GOOD CATHOLIC BOY 'TILL HE MET UP WITH THAT HEADHUNTRESS! HE GAVE HER ONLY WHAT SHE DESERVED!



TRUE, HE TOOK HER LIFE! BUT WHAT HAS SHE TAKEN FROM HIM? HIS CAREER IS FINISHED! AS HIS FATHER, I HAD DREAMS OF STEPHANO'S FUTURE! SHE HAS TAKEN THOSE DREAMS!

AND WHAT ABOUT STEPHANO'S LIFE? WILL HE NOT BE SUSPECTED, MISTRUSTED, PITIED, AND AVOIDED, EVERY REMAINING DAY? WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO LOOK FORWARD TO?

ANTONIO'S IRREGULAR REMARKS MADE CHOICE COPY ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE EVENING EDITION...



AND GAVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY AN ULCER!

THE MAN'S GOTTA BE OUT OF HIS MIND! MAKING INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS LIKE THAT! THE RACIAL SITUATION IS VOLATILE ENOUGH!

I WANT HIM IN MY OFFICE FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!

BUT AS DARKNESS DESCENDED, THE NIGHTWING WAS ROUSED TO SWEEP THE STONE CITY, COOLING NO ONE, BUT RATHER FANNING SMOLDERING FLAMES OF HATRED!





IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY...

YOU WILL COME WITH ME, MR. PROSECUTOR! WE'RE GOING DOWNTOWN TO RELEASE MY SON! NO MATTER WHAT HE'S DONE, HE IS STILL MY CHILD! I LOVE HIM! AND I DON'T SHARE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN THE POLICE!

IF THERE IS A LYNCH MOB OUT TO GET STEPHANO, HIS LIFE IS IN JEOPARDY! HE MUST BE HIDDEN WHERE THEY CAN NEVER FIND HIM!

THIS TIME YOUR STUPIDITY IS A CRIME! YOU'LL ROT ALONGSIDE YOUR KID FOR THIS!

YOU ARE MY GUARANTEE! IF STEPHANO IS NOT RELEASED, YOU DIE! MY BOY MEANS EVERYTHING TO ME! IF THE MOB TAKES HIM, THEY'VE TAKEN MY LIFE AS WELL! I'VE LITTLE TO LOSE BY TAKING MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS!



AND ONCE AT THE POLICE STATION...!

THE MAN'S LOST HIS SENSES! HE'S JUST Liable TO DO AS HE THREATENS! RELEASE THE PRISONER!

AND YOU, MR. PROSECUTOR, WILL BE RELEASED UNHARMED ONCE WE'RE SAFELY AWAY FROM HERE!

JUST WHEN IT SEEMS THE ATMOSPHERE CAN GROW NO MORE TENSE...NO MORE CHOKED WITH HATRED, FEAR, AND VENGEANCE. UP POPS BENNY BAILEY!

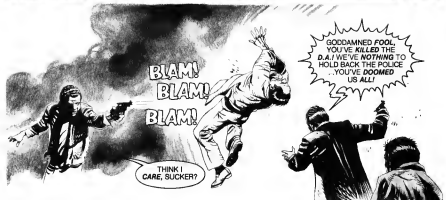
NOT THIS TIME, CAPALDI! THIS TIME, THERE'LL BE A RECKONING!



BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!

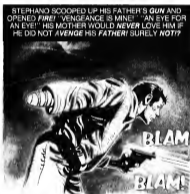
THINK I CARE, SUCKER?

GODDAMNED FOOL, YOU'VE KILLED THE D.A. I WE'VE NOTHING TO HOLD BACK THE POLICE... YOU'VE DOOMED US ALL!





ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY, ANTONIO TOOK A SINGLE SHOT THROUGH THE WINDPIPE! HIS CORPSE WAS LATER FOUND DRAPED OVER BENJAMIN'S!



ITS TRUE CREATOR, AND NOT THE ONE HIS MOTHER HAD FASHIONED FOR HIM!



A NIGHTWIND THAT BLEW COLD FROM AN UNFORGIVING HEART, A HEART THAT SHRIVELED AT LOVE!

SHE PUT THE PAPER DOWN, AND SUMMONED HER LAWYERS!

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YET, SUCH NONSENSICAL MYTHS DID NOT DETER TRISTAN AND HIS BELOVED ISOLDE! THEIR LOVE WAS AS FORBIDDEN AS THE VALLEY ITSELF! STILL, ONLY THERE COULD THEY FIND SANCTUARY FROM THEIR SINS!

WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO MEET THIS WAY, MY BELOVED! ONE DAY, MY HUSBAND...YOUR FATHER...WILL DISCOVER US, AND PUT US BOTH TO THE SWORD FOR OUR BETRAYAL!



MY FATHER IS A FOOL, ISOLDE! HOW COULD HE MARRY SO BEAUTIFUL AND PURE A MAIDEN AND NOT EXPECT HIS ONLY SON TO LOVE HER, TOO?

OH, TRISTAN... I HAVE NO WAY TO BETRAY YOUR FATHER! YET, NEITHER CAN I BETRAY THE FEELINGS IN MY HEART!

HOLD ME! LOVE ME! ONLY IN YOUR ARMS DO I FIND PEACE FROM THE CONFUSION WHICH UNSETTLES MY VERY SOUL!



SO! THE ILLICIT LOVERS SEEK REFUGE WITHIN THE DOMAIN OF QUEEN INANNA!

BY THE GODS! WHAT MANNER OF BEAST IS THIS?



HAI! IS MY PETI HE, AS WELL AS ALL THAT YOU SURVEY... EARTH, WIND, WATER AND SPIRITS... BELONG TO ME!

AND SINCE YOU TOO, NOW WALK WITHIN THE SACRED VALLEY OF THE SPIRIT QUEEN, YOU, AS WELL, BELONG

TO ME!

W-WHAT?!

YOU ARE THE MOST HANDSOME MAN I HAVE EVER SEEN! YOU SHALL BE MY HUSBAND AND KING... AND REIGN FOREVER AT MY SIDE! ON EVEN DAYS WE WILL MAKE LOVE! ON ODD DAYS WE WILL WAGE WAR... AND MINSTRELS THROUGHOUT THE EARTH SHALL SING OUR PRAISES!

YOU ARE A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, AND YOUR OFFER IS TEMPTING! YET, WITH ALL GRATITUDE AND HUMILITY, I MUST REFUSE! MY LIFE... AND LOVE BELONG TO ISOLDE...

UNTIL DEATH DO US SEPARATE!

IF DEATH IS ALL THAT STANDS IN THE WAY OF OUR BLESSED UNION, THEN DEATH SHALL BE GRANTED... BY THE ETERNAL QUEEN OF SOULS!

WITH COLD, EMOTIONLESS SAVAGERY, THE HEARTLESS QUEEN SWIFTLY DREW HER DAGGER, AND THRUST IT RUTHLESSLY INTO THE HEART OF TRISTAN'S BELOVED!

SLAKT!

ISOLDE WAS DEAD BEFORE SHE COULD FALL INTO THE DISBELIEVING YOUTH'S ARMS!

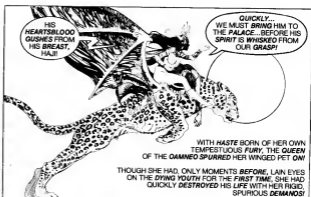
NOW, OUR LOVE WILL BLOSSOM LIKE A FLOWER... FED AND NURTURED BY THE BLOOD OF YOUR FATHER'S BRIDE!

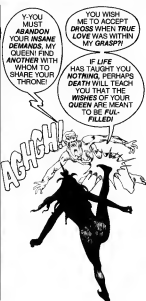
MURDERESS! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE! SHE... SHE'S NOT BREATHING! BY THE HOLY GODS OF SUMARIA... YOU'VE KILLED HER! YOU BUTCHERED MY ISOLDE...!

YOUR ISOLDE? MAY, MY BETROTHED! SHE WAS THE WEDDED PROPERTY OF YOUR SIRE!

MARRY ME, TRISTAN, AND YOUR FATHER NEED NEVER KNOW THE SHAME YOU HAVE BROUGHT UPON HIS HOUSE! SPURN ME... AND I PROMISE, YOU WILL NEVER KNOW PEACE, NOT EVEN IN DARKEST DEATH!

YOUR THREATS ARE MEANINGLESS TO ME, WHORE-QUEEN!





THE BROODING QUEEN RETREATED TO HER CHAMBERS!
SHE WAS NOT A WOMAN WHO GRACEFULLY ACCEPTED
DEFEAT!

MY QUEEN
THE COURT
SPEAKS IN
WHISPERS OF
YOUR TROUBLES!
IS THERE
SOMETHING I
CAN DO TO EASE
YOUR INNER
TORMENT?

I'M IN NO
MOOD FOR FALSE
MERRIMENT, JESTER!
LEAVE ME, BEFORE
YOUR SPIRIT JOINS
THOSE ENTRAPPED
WITHIN THE
VALLEY!

WITH ALL RESPECT, HIGHNESS,
LEGENDS CLAIM THAT THE RESTLESS SOULS
OF MANY ARE IMPRISONED WITH YOUR DOMAIN!
YET, NEVER HAVE I SEEN A WAYWARD SPIRIT,
NOR A TORTURED SOUL!

IT APPEARS TO
ME THAT SUCH MYTHS
ARE THE CREATION OF
FALSE SORCERERS WHOSE
POWERS ARE AS HOLLOW
AS THEIR WORDS!

YOU
ARE FAR
WISER THAN THE PARASITES
WHO CLAIM TO BE
MY VISIONS,
LITTLE
CLOWN!

YET, IS
THERE NO WAY
THE DEAD MAY
BE RETURNED
TO LIFE?

IF ANY CAN ANSWER
YOUR QUESTION, MAJESTY
IT IS THE ANCIENT CRONE
WHO LIVES IN THE CAVES
OF THE WESTERN
MOUNTAINS!

SHE
POSSESSES
THE MAGICKS
TO WHICH MY
SORCERERS
PRETEND?

I CANNOT ATTEST
TO HER POWERS, YET
HER KNOWLEDGE IS FAR
GREATER THAN ANY
I'VE HERETOFORE
ENCOUNTERED!

YOU...
YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO SEE
THE CRONE, MY
QUEEN? SHE WILL
EXACT A DEADLY
PRICE FOR HER
KNOWLEDGE...
EVEN FROM ONE
AS ROYAL AS
YOU!

MY REGAL
COMMANDS HAVE
BEEN IGNORED,
MY ROYAL
PATIENCE TRIED!
I MUST SEE YOUR
HAG, JESTER, SO
I AM NOT LEFT
FEELING THE
FOOL!



INANNA RODE LIKE A DEATHWIND, ACROSS
THE FOG-SHROUDED VALLEY, OVER ROCKY
SLOPES AND BARREN, FETID SWAMPS! NO
WONDER HER KINGDOM HAD LONG BEEN
FEARED AS A HAVEN FOR LOST SOULS, SHE
MUSED! NOTHING COULD EVER GROW OR
LIVE IN THIS BARREN, LIFELESS OLOOM!
NOTHING, SAVE A MYTH, NURTURED BY
SUPERSTITIOUS IGNORANCE!

I AM INANNA, YOUR
QUEEN! TELL ME, OLD WOMAN
...HOW MIGHT A MAN RETURN
FROM THE DEAD?

THERE
IS BUT ONE
WAY THE LIVING
MAY SEE THE DEAD
ALIVE! IN EXCHANGE
FOR YOUR CROWN,
YOUR CLOAK, AND
YOUR MOUNT, MY
KNOWLEDGE WILL
BE YOURS, OH
NOBLE ONE!

YOUR PRICE
IS STEEP, BUT
FAIR, HAG, AS
LONG AS YOUR
WORDS ARE
SINCERE!





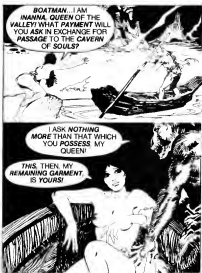
WITHIN THE VALLEY IS A BOATMAN! HIS VISAGE IS GROTESQUE... HIS COUNTERTENANCE TERRIBLE TO BEHOLD! FOR A PRICE, HE WILL FERRY YOU THROUGH THE SWAMP... TO THE GREAT, FORBIDDEN CAVERN OF SOULS!

YOU SOUND LIKE MY VISORS, HAG! THEY, TOO, HAVE LONG CLAIMED THIS VALLEY HAUNTED BY SPIRITS OF THE DEAD! YET, LIKE MY JESTER, I HAVE NEVER SEEN THESE SUPPOSED RESTLESS SOULS!

ANOTHER WORD FOR 'JESTER' IS FOOL! THE SOULS EXIST, MY CHILD! YOU WILL FIND THAT WHICH YOU SEEK!



INANNA RETURNED TO THE VALLEY AS THE CRONE SUGGESTED, AND, BY THE GREAT FETID SWAMP, WAITED... UNTIL THE CHILL SOUND OF WATER BEING STIRRED BY A BOAT REACHED HER ANXIOUS EARS!



BOATMAN... I AM INANNA, QUEEN OF THE VALLEY! WHAT PAYMENT WILL YOU ASK IN EXCHANGE FOR PASSAGE TO THE CAVERN OF SOULS?

I ASK NOTHING MORE THAN THAT WHICH YOU POSSESS, MY QUEEN!

THIS, THEN, MY REMAINING GARMENT, IS YOURS!



FORGIVE MY IMPUDENCE, HIGHNESS. BUT YOU ARE FAR TOO REGAL AND MUCH TOO BEAUTIFUL TO CONDEMN YOURSELF TO THE FORBIDDEN CAVERN!

I AGREE, BOATMAN, AND HAVE NO INTENTION OF CONDEMNING MYSELF! I SIMPLY WISH TO SEE THIS FABLED REALM OF SPIRITS... AND THE SPIRIT OF ONE MAN IN PARTICULAR, WHO SOUGHT DEATH AS A MEANS TO ESCAPE MY WILL!



I KNOW OF THE ONE YOU SPEAK OF! HE AWAITS YOU NOW AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE DARK PIT OF TORMENT!



TRISTANI, BELOVED! YOU ARE AS HANDSOME IN DEATH AS YOU ARE IN LIFE!

SO, QUEEN OF SOULS! YOU'VE KEPT YOUR PROMISE TO HAUNT ME IN THE AFTERLIFE!



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THE NOBLE CIVILIZATION THAT ONCE DWELLED THERE IS NOW LITTLE MORE THAN MEMORY! YET, BECAUSE OF VAMPIRELLA, SOLE SURVIVING MEMBER OF DRAKULON'S GREAT VAMPIRE, THE MEMORY LIVES ON! WHAT ONCE WAS, WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!

VAMPIRELLA

TALES OF LOST DRAKULON!

THE BALDING MAN WAS A GREAT SCIENTIST AND TEACHER! HIS NAME WAS MYADOL, KNOWN, LOVED AND RESPECTED BY VIRTUALLY ALL OF HIS BROTHER AND SISTER VAMPIRE!

THIS, MY CHILDREN, IS WHERE WE MUST JOURNEY!

EACH SEASON, THE NATURALIST APPRENTICED TWO OF THE PLANET'S MOST PROMISING STUDENTS OF THE NATURAL ARTS... ELICITING THEIR AID IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE!

THE TRIP WILL BE SHORT BUT EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS!

ONE MISTAKE COULD WELL COST US OUR LIVES!



IN THE SIXTEENTH SEASON OF HER LIFE, A WOMAN-CHILD NAMED VAMPIRELLA WAS SO HONORED... AS WAS AN ARROGANT MALE YOUTH KNOWN AS TRISTANI!

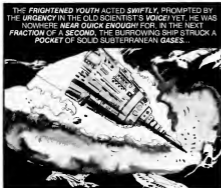
I'M STILL NOT CERTAIN I UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS LITTLE EXCURSION, MENTORI!

THE REPTILIAN SPECIES IS DYING OUT ON DRAKULON, TRISTANI! PERHAPS WE CAN PREVENT THEM FROM BECOMING ALTOGETHER EXTINCT!



Author: **BILL DuBAY**/Illustrator: **GONZALO MAYO**







IN LESS THAN A SHUDDERING
HEARTBEAT, THE VALIANT
NATURALIST'S ASSAULT WAS
REPULSED...

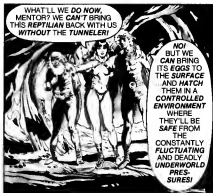


AND MYADOL SENT CRASHING
AGAINST THE CAVERN WALLS LIKE A
PIECE OF LIMP, LIFELESS MEAT!



WE CAME
DOWN HERE
TO HELP YOU!
BUT IF YOU'RE
GOING TO TRY
TO KILL
US...





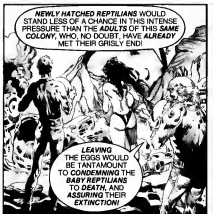
WHAT'LL WE DO NOW, MENTOR? WE CAN'T BRING THIS REPTILIAN BACK WITH US WITHOUT THE TUNNELER!

NO! BUT WE CAN BRING ITS EGGS TO THE SURFACE AND HATCH THEM IN A CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT WHERE THEY'LL BE SAFE FROM THE CONSTANTLY FLUCTUATING AND DEADLY UNDERWORLD PRESSURES!



TRISTANI YOU CAN'T! THAT'S VIOLATING ONE OF THE TENETS OF NATURAL ORDER...DEPRIVING NEWBORNS OF THEIR MOTHER!

I'M AFRAID TRISTANI IS RIGHT, VAMPIRELLA! WE MUST TAKE THE EGGS INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY!



NEWLY HATCHED REPTILIANS WOULD STAND LESS OF A CHANCE IN THIS INTENSE PRESSURE THAN THE ADULTS OF THIS SAME COLONY, WHO, NO DOUBT, HAVE ALREADY MET THEIR GRISLY END!

LEAVING THE EGGS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO CONDEMNING THE BABY REPTILIANS TO DEATH, AND ASSURING THEIR EXTINCTION!



I UNDERSTAND, MENTOR! STILL, I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT REPTILIAN MOTHER WHEN SHE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS AND FINDS THAT WE'VE ABSCONDED WITH HER YOUNG!

SOMETIMES MY CHILD, THE PAIN OF ONE IS NECESSARY FOR THE SURVIVAL OF THE MANY!



WE'D BETTER GET THESE EGGS INTO A PRESSURE CHAMBER, MYADOL! THIS ONE'S BEGINNING TO STIR WITH LIFE!

AS IS MINE, TRISTANI! I CAN FEEL THE TINY THING TRYING TO BREAK ITS SHELL!



IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR THE CREATURES TO EMERGE FROM THEIR EGGS...AND, IT SEEMED, EVEN LESS TIME FOR THEM TO ADOPT VAMPIRELLA AS THEIR SURROGATE MOTHER!

HOW CUTE!

I'M GLAD WE WERE ABLE TO SAVE THEM, MY CHILD!

FOR THE MOMENT, PEACE, HAPPINESS AND A SENSE OF FULFILLMENT WHOLLY CONSUMED THE BUDDING YOUNG NATURALIST! LITTLE DID SHE REALIZE THAT ALL, TOO SOON, HER ENTIRE PLANET WOULD DIE, AND NOTHING ANYONE COULD DO WOULD SAVE THE PROUD VAMPIRI THEMSELVES... FROM EXTINCTION!

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Vampi's Scarlet Letters

Just a few days after VAMPI #106 hit the stands, a local merchant told me, "Sorry—we sold out almost immediately! It's probably the most risqué issue that they've ever published."

Sex sells! I know that. What surprises me is that a soft and sensitive rendering like "A Love Blessed in Hell" is even noticed amidst the prudence and perversion that currently saturate the newsstands.

If VAMPI #106 is a big seller due to the sexual content of the lead storyline and illustration then it can't be that element which is primarily responsible. Far more graphic material is available in almost every magazine, from those which follow the PLAYBOY format thru the LADIES' HOME JOURNAL type which run sexually suggestive and explicit lingerie ads. The character of the heroine is the significant factor. Her fans care about her, and this is what spells the difference.

Plaudits to Rich Margopoulos for his concept that Vampirella's romantic susceptibility constitutes a form of weakness. It is a weakness which I am sure is dear to the hearts of many of her fans.

And, to Jose Gonzalez for his taste and restraint in illustrating this theme. His drawing remains unscathed by the self-conscious humor, sick violence, and smothering "meat market" mentality that infects so much currently available material.

JOHN BRODSKY M.D.
Swarthmore, Penn.

Writers' and artists' profiles are a good possibility for our fan page, Mike. Readers can consider this an invitation to write and tell us who they'd like to see profiled.

Timothy Moriarty certainly seems to be doing great things for the Warren mag! First the reappearance of Jose Gonzalez and Enrich, then the color comic book insert sections in EERIE and THE GOBLIN!

But there is still room for improvement. First, Rich Margopoulos should be relieved of his duties as Vampirella scripter. Secondly, I'd like to see the writers' and artists' profiles brought back.

MIKE JONES
Kansas City, Missouri

Words can't express my delight at seeing Jose Gonzalez back on Vampirella on a regular basis. I'd rather have an 8-page Vampi story by him than a 20-pager by anyone else.

JOHN E. VETTER
McLean, Virginia



In the 1981 Warren Awards, announced in issue #106, it is stated more than once that "reader reaction" was significant in selecting the winners. Yet the ultimate effect of discontinuing the letter columns in all the Warren mags is that fewer and fewer letters will be received. Having no lettercol gives readers the impression that Warren doesn't care about their views, and few people are going to bother to write when they think that they're being ignored.

Lettercols can also help sales, as they engender a spirit of community among readers and the creative staff, and also let the reader know that there really are lots of others who buy the mags. A fan may even come up with a worthwhile suggestion every now and then.

Certainly, "reader reaction" can be partially measured by sales figures, but this reflects on the issue as a whole, not on its separate features. Especially with anthology books like Warren publishes, it is almost impossible to tell from sales alone which features the readers enjoyed.

For instance, in #106 I found the three "main" features (Vampi, Pantha, and the Fox) to be the least enjoyable of the six. Vampi was pedestrian and repetitive, Pantha was only marginally interesting (due to the bizarre nature of her opponent), and the Fox showed far less inventiveness and subtlety than has been the norm in previous installments.

On the other hand, Torpedo had Alex Toth's striking illustration of a succubot and involving tale by Sanchez Abuli; Jeremy continued Paul Gilson's storybook-style work on this interesting genre piece; and Sweetwater Nessle was still mors of the unique work of Don McGregor aided by the unusually appropriate art of Aureleon.

So bring back the lettercol already!
"T.M. MAPLE"
Toronto, Ontario

We didn't know what reader reaction was until we tried doing without the letter column! Thanks to angry voices like yours, "T.M.," it's back... hopefully to stay!

I really don't know why we readers bother to write requesting improvements in VAMPIRELLA, because nothing is ever done. Dozens of issues ago, many letters were appearing asking for Vampi to be drawn in color. But our request has still not been granted.

We are tired of reprints. We are bored by inferior stories with no plots. I don't have to give examples, because flipping through any of the recent issues will show what I mean.

The cover art is superb, and a great deal of credit and recognition should be given to Enrich. But excellent covers will not make up for the balance of the magazine.

We've also been asking for more pages to the Vampi stories, but Warren has ignored us. It's a little strange when the lead story of a magazine is shorter than the rest. For example, the Vampi adventure in #106 was only eight pages long, while Sweetwater Nessle was thirteen.

We realize that Jose Gonzalez is busy and that Warren can only squeeze a certain number of pages from him. But we're not paying big money for a little squeeze.

RONALD ACLOGUE
Dorchester, Mass.

It's true that many of the requests our readers have made have not been granted. Nonetheless, for a number of practical reasons. Some of these changes, however, are already being acted upon...including one which you suggest in your letter! Read the special announcement below for details!

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